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SUBJ : NYSC LEADERS TOUR

REF : STATE 80221 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION PLEASED WITH TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS REFTEL AND HAPPY THAT  
AAI WILL RETAIN PROGRAM. UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN HEAVY

PROGRAM PERIOD, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AAI ACCEPTI  
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APRIL 28 STARTING DATE. THIS TIMING ESSENTIAL TO NYSC BECAUSE  
VISITORS

MUST RETURN BY END OF MAY TO PREPARE FOR NEW INTAKE VOLUNTEERS IN  
AUGUST.

HOWEVER, NYSC CAN MANAGE WITH ALTERNATE DATE OF MAY 5 OR 12.

2. CONTENTS PARA. 2 REFTEL BEING PASSED TO NYSC.

3. APPRECIATE AAI WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMMODATE GROUP OF SIX.

4. ALTHOUGH BIODATA NOT YET AVAILABLE, WISH TO PASS FOLLOWING TO AAI  
TO AID IN PREPLANNING. KOKWAIN AND OTHERS, AS PRINCIPAL INSPECTORS,  
DIRECT THEIR RESPECTIVE NYSC STATE SECRETARIATS. THEIR DUTIES INCLUDE

OVERALL RUNNING OF STATE'S PROGRAM, DEPLOYING CORPS MEMBERS

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ASSIGNED TO STATE AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR GENERAL WELFARE

(ACCOMMODATION, MONTHLY ALLOWANCES). PRINCIPAL INSPECTORS ALSO WRITE FIELD REPORTS ON CORPS MEMBERS. FYI, NYSC SERVICE IS A REQUIREMENT OF ALL UNIVERSITY GRADUATES, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, ALTHOUGH SOME ARE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER POST-GRADUATE WORK IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. DUAL PURPOSE OF NYSC IS TO INVOLVE YOUTH IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WHILE INSTILLING NATIONAL UNITY BY EXPOSING MEMBERS TO REGION OF COUNTRY OTHER THAN THEIR OWN.

5. NYSC IS INTERESTED IN PROGRAM THAT WILL GIVE VISITORS IN-DEPTH EXPOSURE TO CENTRAL PLANNING FOR NATIONAL PROGRAMS. THEY REGARD US EXAMPLE AS BEING VALID IN VIEW SIMILAR FEDERAL SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT BOTH COUNTRIES. VISITORS SHOULD ALSO GAIN KNOWLEDGE ON ORGANIZING/PLANNING FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF VOLUNTEERS.

6. FOLLOWING WASHINGTON PROGRAM, NYSC REQUESTS THEY SPLIT INTO THREE GROUPS OF TWO EACH TO TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT FIELD PROJECTS (VISTA ) AND OBSERVE FIRST-HAND ADMINISTRATION-RELATED PROCEDURES AND ACTUAL WORK. THEY WOULD THEN COME TOGETHER LATER TO DISCUSS EXPERIENCES AT END OF THIRTY DAY PROGRAM. IF SPLITTING UP NOT POSSIBLE, URGE AT LEAST VARIATIONS OF PROGRAMS WITHIN SAME CITIES TO WHICH THEY TRAVEL.

7. ADVISE.  
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